

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus in communication with a registration center, said information processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit; and

a processor,

detecting a password input error at the information processing apparatus,

registering information identifying the information processing apparatus in a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected, ~~and~~

storing transmission log information related to the registration in the registration center into said storage unit of said information processing apparatus, and

controlling access to the information processing apparatus, based upon the stored transmission log information and the registration center.

2. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the controlling of access to the information processing apparatus comprises accessing ~~said processor transmits to~~ a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit of said information processing apparatus, and ~~locks~~ locking the information processing apparatus if the information identifying the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

3. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processor outputs a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus in communication with first and second apparatuses, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a first database registering information identifying the first apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus by the first apparatus;

a second database registering the information identifying the first apparatus when the information identifying the first apparatus is requested by the second apparatus and the information identifying the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

a processor to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database, based upon which the first apparatus controls access to the first apparatus.

7. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processor deletes the information related to the first apparatus from said first database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or deletes the information related to the first apparatus from the second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

8. (currently amended) A method of controlling a information processing apparatus in communication with a registration center, said method comprising:

detecting by the information processing apparatus a password input error at the information processing apparatus;

registering by the information processing apparatus information identifying the information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected; and

storing by the information processing apparatus in a storage unit of the information processing apparatus transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center ~~within the information processing apparatus; and~~

controlling access to the information processing apparatus, based upon the stored transmission log information and the registration center.

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, ~~further comprising~~wherein the controlling of access to the information processing apparatus comprises:

~~transmitting to~~accessing a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the information processing apparatus; and

~~making a system lock with respect to~~locking the information processing apparatus if the information identifying the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

10. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:  
outputting a warning if the information identifying the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus in communication with first and second apparatuses, said method comprising:

registering information identifying the first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus by the first apparatus;

registering the information identifying the first apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first apparatus is requested by the second apparatus and the information identifying the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database, based upon which the first apparatus controls access to the first apparatus.

14. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

deleting the information identifying the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

15. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

16. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to control access through a registration center, said program causing the computer to execute:

detecting by the computer a password input error at the computer;

registering by the computer information identifying the computer by making a transmission to a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected; ~~and~~

storing by the computer in a storage unit of the computer transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center; and

controlling access to the information processing apparatus, based upon the stored transmission log information and the registration center.

17. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, ~~program further causing the computer to execute~~ wherein the controlling of access to the information processing apparatus comprises:

~~transmitting to~~ accessing a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit; and

~~causing a system lock with respect to~~ locking the computer if the information identifying the computer is registered in the first database or the second database.

18. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 17, program causing the computer to execute:

outputting a warning if the information identifying the computer is registered in the second database.

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access through a registration center, program causing the computer to execute:

registering information identifying a first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus by the first apparatus;

registering the information identifying the first apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first apparatus is requested by a second apparatus and the information identifying the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database, based upon which the first apparatus controls access to the first apparatus.

22. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, program further causing the computer to execute:

deleting the information identifying the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

23. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

24-29. (cancelled)

30. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

31. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information identifying the information processing apparatus includes model information.

32. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the information identifying the first apparatus includes model information.

33. (previously presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the information identifying the information processing apparatus includes model information.

34. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the information identifying the first apparatus includes model information.

35. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:  
a registration center comprising a first database; and  
a client apparatus in communication with the registration center and comprising:  
    a storage unit; and  
    a processor,  
        detecting a password input error at the client,  
        registering information identifying the client in the first database of the  
registration center when the password input error is detected, ~~and~~  
        storing transmission log information related to the registration in the  
registration center into said storage unit, and  
        controlling access to the client apparatus, based upon the stored  
transmission log information and the registration center.